

Western Lane Community Foundation

GRANT GUIDELINES

The WESTERN LANE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION was established in 1974 as a community trust, a private non-profit organization, to attract, administer and distribute private charitable resources for the benefit of residents in western Lane County. The assets of the Foundation consist of a number of Permanent Funds established by individuals or corporate donors. Through these resources the Foundation helps sustain and enhance the quality of life in western Lane County by supporting non-profit organizations operating in all fields of interest. The Foundation's Board of Directors has established flexible guidelines for grant distribution into the four broad areas of **Culture, Medicine/Science, Education** and **Social/Civic Services**.

It is the long range intent of the Foundation to strive for grants large enough to have a significant and visible impact on a demonstrated need, rather than scatter token support, among a wide range of community interests.

Only the income generated by invested Foundation assets will be awarded as grants, unless specified otherwise by the donor of the funds or property to the Foundation.

The Foundation defines its territory as mirroring the Siuslaw and Mapleton School Districts, and will limit grants to that area unless otherwise specified by the donor.

The Foundation's assets have experienced moderate growth through the years with current assets of \$5,500,000. These assets consist of **DESIGNATED FUNDS**, which are established by donors exclusively to support certain organizations; **FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS**, which are established by donors for distribution in particular areas of community service; and **GENERAL FUNDS**, which are the flexible resources the Foundation Board can apply to grants awarded to address community needs.

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors of nine persons that are appointed at large. The directors make grant decisions and supervise the investment of the Foundation's assets. The annual financial report of the Foundation is published on the Foundation's website at www.wlcfonline.org.

The Foundation is affiliated with the Oregon Community Foundation for financial management and counsel.

Grants are typically awarded annually in February. Applications are available online at www.wlcfonline.org or by written request. Please make request to Western Lane Community Foundation P.O. Box 1589, Florence, OR 97439. Applications must be submitted by qualified organizations. Applications from individuals will not be considered. Awards are announced in the public media as well as by notification to the recipients. Non-recipients are notified by letter.

In authorizing grants, the Foundation gives **preference** to projects of the following types:

1. Projects or programs aimed at providing needed services or facilities for which public funds are either not available or are not sufficient, and the Foundation's contribution, either by itself or in conjunction with other private support, would have a significant impact.
2. Programs which would contribute to the cultural, economic, educational or social betterment of our community by addressing the source of major problems rather than merely dealing with their continuing effect upon our society.

Generally, grants will not be made to organizations for the following purposes:

1. Emergency funding;
2. Travel to or in support of conferences;
3. Debt retirement or operational deficits;
4. Annual fund drives or operation expenses and/or administration, i.e., rent, salaries, except during a startup period not to exceed three years;
5. Sectarian religious purposes (does not preclude consideration of requests for educational, medical, or social service-oriented programs open to all community members undertaken by church-affiliated or supported agencies);
6. Programs relying on federal or tax dollars for their principle support unless for needed innovative pilot or demonstration programs for which public funding is not available.

It is hoped that these guidelines will be helpful to those who support our objectives, as well as to those desiring funding for specific proposals.

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